

Fast Pitch Camp Requirements

NATIONAL OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES:

The hosting association will pay \$7.00 per student for the bid to the National Office who will in turn provide the following:

1. Advertising on the web site and Social Media
2. Print the school certificates.
3. Postage for sending certificates and booklets.
4. Provide USA Softball Umpire materials for school participants including umpire catalog, Medals Program applications and any other information on USA Softball sponsored programs for one (1) National Championship requirement in qualifying for NIF or Medals applications.
5. The Director of umpires will assign all instructors for the Fast Pitch Camp.

HOST ASSOCIATION/CITY RESPONSIBILITIES:

The hosting association will be responsible for the following:

1. Establishing the Camp dates in conjunction with the Director of Umpires **and the Fast Pitch Camp Committee Chairman.**
2. Selects a coordinator who in turn will receive all registrations, compile a camp roster, and pay all expenses incurred with the operation of the camp.
3. Secures a camp site and host hotel for participants. Instructors (two to room) should be housed at same hotel. If there are charges for instructor rooms, host is responsible.
4. Requests instructors based on one (1) Instructor for each 10 students. Maximum of 60 Students
5. Travel for instructors – Local Association may provide credit card info to USA Softball Travel so travel can be arranged or work with the instructors to get the best flights for your particular school.
6. Instructors will be paid \$100.00 per day from the day of their arrival (1 day prior to the start of the Camp) through the last day of the Camp.
7. Provide transportation for instructors once they arrive at airport until they depart.
8. Design, purchase and distribute a school shirt at the discretion of the Host. **If using a Logo that contains a USA Softball Trademark, approval must be obtained from Dre McKee, USA Softball Director of Marketing and Communications.**
9. Food at lunch and dinner for Camp Days **when needed.** (This should NOT be optional)
10. Schedule and provide a hospitality room for participants and instructors during the evening **of the first** two (2) days of the Camp.
11. Provide all necessary equipment to operate the school classroom & fields. (See the list and description below).
12. Have an inside facility, **preferably a good size gymnasium,** available as back up for weather problems
13. Have the availability of pitcher's, catchers, runners and fielders. (See list and description below).
14. Prepare name badges for participants.
15. **Coordinator works with national staff instructors to break up students in productive and equitable groups.**
16. Provide enough games that umpire can work all three positions in a three-umpire system and at least one plate game that can be taped. Preferable 16U or higher.

17. Complete a final evaluation which will include: a final school roster, you can send the for the check for number of students with this final evaluation.
18. **All participants must be Registered USA Softball Umpires in the year the Camp is held. The participant is required to be Background Checked and Safe Sport compliant.**

LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS NECESSARY FOR THE CAMP:

1. One (1) pitching machine for every 10 students to a maximum of six (6) machines.
2. Live Pitching and catching: Preferred when working drills on field.
3. **Catchers at each pitching machine and or Live Pitching.**
4. One (1) or two (2) Zone Master Machines to develop a sense of the strike zone.
5. Six Cameras and tripods to be used in videoing pitching machine drills and Plate Umpires during all games.
6. Fields used for drills should be **lined and have bases** as they would be for game conditions.
7. Have **throw-down bases (2 sets), 10 gloves, 2 bats and 20 balls** to be used if necessary.
8. **PLAYERS:** Pitchers and catchers for LIVE pitching drills. Use of 2 to 3 pitcher/catcher combinations per each pitching station is recommended.
9. **PLAYERS:** Fielders and runners to work during three (3) Umpire System Drills. Consult with Lead Instructor to determine the number of players desired and the specific times they are needed.
10. **ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS:** It is recommended to have individuals who are qualified and willing to help the Instructors during the drills. Consult with the Lead Instructor to determine the number of assistants desired and the time of day needed.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS CAMP:

This is an Advanced Camp for those who have already have the opportunity to attend Weekend National Umpire Schools and have been able to work higher level Tournaments. Newer umpires may need to attend other training sessions and tournaments before they come to this Camp. Allowing them to attend to soon could set them up to fail.

This camp is an advanced program for umpires looking to build on past training. The typical participant will have prior experience working USA Softball National Championship play or the equivalent and/or have training obtained at a USA Softball National Umpire School or similar program sponsored by their Local Association.

DAY BY DAY SKETCH OF THE CAMP:

DAY ONE (1) -- Begins with Classroom Session on the Three (3) Umpire System. Move outside to the field drills on all aspects of Three (3) Umpires. Lunch and Dinner included and after dinner back to the classroom in discussing Game Management and Diagramming Plays in a Three (3) Umpire System.

DAY TWO (2) – Begins with Classroom Session on Plate Mechanics. Move outside to pitching machines and videotaping. Then move to Live Pitching coupled with pitching machines. Lunch and Dinner included and after dinner back to Classroom Sessions and then UIC for tournament goes over tournament special rules and assignments.

DAY THREE (3) – Games in the Three (3) Umpire System.

DAY FOUR (4) -- Games in the Three (3) Umpire System. Awards Ceremony at night.

NOTE: There should be an Umpire-in-Chief assigned for the tournament the umpires will work.